blended cloth under the 'Sushman' scheme during the period October 1987 to March, 1989.

Increase in prices of man-made filament yarns

1012. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of various man-made filament yarns have increased over the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the comparable denierwise selling prices of VFY, PFY and NFY, monthwise for the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 (January-March); and

(c) what measures Government are taking to maintain the prices of these items at a reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Between April, 1989 to April, 1990 prices of man-made filament yarns have increased as under:—

Item	April, 1989	(Rs./Kg.) (Weighted average prices) April, 1990
Viscose Filament Yarn	107.66	127.69
Nylon Filament Yarn	176.82	253.99
Polyester Filament Yarn (76 D)	184.00	190.00
Partially Oriented Yarn (average)	146.63	154.17
Texturised Yarn (average)	159.26	173.48

(b) Details of comparable monthwise and denier-wise selling prices of Viscose Filament Yarn, Nylon Filament Yarn and Polyester Filament Yarn for 1988, 1989 and 1990 (January-March) are given in Annexure attached. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 48.]

(c) In the Budget for 1990-91, Government have reduced import duties on Nylon Filament Yarn and Polyester Filament Yarn to check the domestic prices of such yarns. In addition to this, Government have been constantly reviewing and monitoring the prices of these yarns and have periodically convened meetings between Spinners and Weavers with a view to ensure reasonable prices of these yarns.

Appeal against the disallowance of losses shown by Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers

1013. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1012 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the disallowance of certain losses shown by the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers has been admitted;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the appeal;

(c) whether the Chairman has paid the necessary taxes on losses disalowed or he has given any bank guarantee for such a payment; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for not insisting for such a guarantee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The relevant appeals have not been disposed of by the Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals) so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The assessee has been allowed to pay the outstanding tax dues in instalments. Section 220(3) of the Income-tax Act provides that payment of tax may be allowed to be made by instalments, subject to such conditions as the Assessing Officer may think fit to impose in the circumstances of the case. In the case of this assessee, the Assessing Officer has not imposed any condition regarding the furnishing of bank guarantee by the assessee.

Filling of income-tax returns by the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers

1014. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1094 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers has filed the income-tax returns in pursuance of the notice issued under Section 139(2) of the Income Tax Act for the year 1988-89;

(b) if so, whether the same has been assessed by the income-tax authorities; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof and what penalty has been imposed on the basis of the assessment made?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Action against M/s. Traders Private Limited for violation of import policy

1015. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 221 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the details of the reply given by M/s. Traders Private Limited on the show cause notice issued against the firm; and

(b) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) M/s. Traders Private Limited in their reply to the show cause notice have challenged the legality of the show cause notice proceedings initiated against them. They have also denied the allegations.

Proceedings initiated against them are yet to be finalised after affording necessary opportunity of personal hearing.

Suspension of Modernisation work of Bengal Fine Spinning and Weaving Mills of NTC (WBABO) Ltd., Calcutta

1016. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the works pertaining to modernisation and expansion of Bengal Fine Spinning and Weaving Mills No. 2, Kataganj, District Nadia of the NTC (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta were suspended due to resources constraints;